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MEMORANDUM FOR : Special Assistant for Intelligence and Liaison, Office of
Special Activities

SUBJECT : Critique of Proposed Satellite Reconnaissance Contingency
Plan

1. At a meeting in the Director's Conference Room on 21 June, Dr. Scoville handed me the attached reference which is a letter from Dr. Charyk to Mr. Gilpatric, plus a draft of a proposed new satellite reconnaissance contingency plan, both items dated 15 June. Dr. Charyk is proposing that after proper concurrences on our part, this plan be distributed and discussed at the next meeting of the Special Group a week from now.

2. I detect certain basic resemblances to the original CORONA contingency plan in the draft, and while I have not read it thoroughly, I can reflect Dr. Scoville's reaction which was that he felt to include the DISCOVERER Program, especially when considering the proposed press release in the draft, is to invite trouble, since the wording of the press release appears to be far more applicable to SAMOS than to DISCOVERER. I mentioned to Dr. Scoville that I thought his point was well taken, especially in view of the indeterminate nature of the Geneva discussions regarding satellite reconnaissance.

3. Please prepare a recommended OSA position on the reference in such 25X1A form that I could forward it to Dr. Scoville direct. I suggest, therefore, a memo addressed to DD/R from AAD/SA.

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